



Urban District of Dodworth.

Annual Report

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For the Year ending December 31st, 1908.

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REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

Births.

The number of Births in the Township in 1908 was 116, a rate of 31 per 1000 estimated population (3772); 62 were boys and 64 girls.

The Birth rate for England and Wales in 1908 was 26·5.

Deaths.

The number of Deaths in 1908, including 1 death in Hospital, was 47, the rate being 12·6 per 1000 persons living in Dodworth.

Forty-seven is considerably below the average, as will be seen from the table:—

| Deaths. | | Births. | |
|------------|----|------------|-----|
| 1896 | 89 | | |
| 1899 | 36 | | |
| 1900 | 51 | 1900 | 106 |
| 1901 | 52 | 1901 | 129 |
| 1902 | 61 | 1902 | 129 |
| 1903 | 66 | 1903 | 117 |
| 1904 | 62 | 1904 | 146 |
| 1905 | 52 | 1905 | 111 |
| 1906 | 55 | 1906 | 108 |
| 1907 | 51 | 1907 | 128 |
| 1908 | 47 | 1908 | 116 |

The Death rate for rural districts in England and Wales in 1908 was 14·7.

Thirth-six males died and 11 females.

Fifteen children died under 1, which is 129 per 1000 Births.

Five of these died under 3 week old. Of the remainder 3 died from Diarrhoea, Whooping Cough, 1 Atrophy, 4 Bronchitis.

Three died at ages over 80.

LOCALITIES OF DEATHS :—

| | Station Road. | Dodworth Green. | Barnsley Road. | Northfield. | High Street. | Jermyn Croft. | Pilley Hill. | Cooper Row. | Oldroyd Row. | South Street. | Snow Hill. | Silver Street. | Keresforth Road. | New Street. | Gelder Row. | Senior Row. | Gilroyd. |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 1900... | | 8 | | | 6 | | 10 | | | | | 6 | | | | | 6 |
| 1901... | | | | | 4 | 5 | | | | | 5 | 7 | | | | | |
| 1902... | | 7 | | | 8 | | 7 | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| 1903... | | | | | 10 | 4 | 8 | | | 7 | | 5 | 4 | 8 | | | |
| 1904... | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 1905... | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| 1906... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 1907... | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 1908... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |

The chief causes of death were Diarrhœa (in children) 5, Phthisis 3, Cancer 2, Bronchitis 10, Pneumonia 3, Accident 3, Old Age (over 65) 4.

The deaths from infectious diseases were Whooping Cough 4, Diphtheria 2.

The infectious diseases notified of late years are :—

| | Sc. F. | | Diph. | | Ent. F. | | Erys. | | Puerp. F. | | Total. |
|-----------|--------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|
| 1900..... | 8 | ... | — | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | — | ... | 10 |
| 1901..... | 6 | ... | — | .. | 5 | ... | 6 | ... | 1 | ... | 21 |
| 1902..... | 18 | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | ... | 7 | ... | — | ... | 28 |
| 1903..... | 9 | ... | 6 | ... | 5 | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | 24 |
| 1904..... | 104 | ... | 8 | ... | 2 | ... | 4 | ... | — | ... | 118 |
| 1905..... | 28 | ... | 34 | ... | 3 | ... | 4 | ... | — | ... | 69 |
| 1906..... | 46 | ... | 16 | .. | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 65 |
| 1907..... | 6 | ... | 2 | ... | — | ... | 1 | ... | — | ... | 9 |
| 1908..... | 18 | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | 4 | ... | — | ... | 26 |

Phthisis.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1901. | 1902. | 1903. | 1904. | 1905. | 1906. | 1907. | 1908. |
| 2 ... | 1 ... | 6 .. | 2 ... | 3 ... | 4 ... | 1 ... | 3 |

Last year I made a Report on the Temperature in the Schools, the Temperature being then far from satisfactory.

In the Wesleyan School, the lowest temperatures last Winter were 38, 41, and 43, at 9 a.m.

This year, up to end of January, we have 36, 40, and 42. No doubt a more severe Winter will account for the lower temperature. Additional heating apparatus is now in course of fixing.

In the Town School, the lowest temperatures last Winter were 32, 42, and 43. Since then a stove has been added to the heating equipment.

This Winter the lowest temperature was 44 on two days (not counting 41 one day when the stove was out of order). Each of these days the temperature rose well over 50 at 11 a.m., and to 58 at 3 p.m. This is a decided improvement on last Winter.

In the Church School, the temperature in the Infants' Class-room is not quite up to the standard. In my opinion, great improvement could be effected by building the fire places forward into the room. The fire places are set far back, and nearly all the heat is lost up the chimneys.

Cowsheds, Dairies, and Milkshops have all been kept well under supervision.

Factories, Workshops, &c. All have been inspected and have been found satisfactory.

Lead in Drinking Water.

In answer to a letter from the Local Government Board, of 2nd December, 1901, it is necessary to state that no signs of lead in water have been found or complaints made in recent years. No steps have been considered necessary by the Council for preventing plumbro-solvency of the water. No tests have been applied to the water in the past year.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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